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Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSD:557USD1/MBW

**Prior Application Examiner:** 

Bronwen M. Loeb

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION** 

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

**Classification Designation:** 

Unknown

Prior Group Art Unit: 1636



## REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION **UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a continuation application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/535,366 filed March 24, 2000, entitled "LINEAR AND CIRCULAR EXPRESSION ELEMENTS."

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/535,366 as originally M 1. filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such

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willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent					
issuing thereon.					
(a)	$\boxtimes$	The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No.			
		09/535,366.			
(b)		Deletion of inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting			
		inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)			
		and 1.33(b).			
(c)		Priority of foreign patent application number , filed in			
		is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(e). The certified copy:			
		is enclosed.			
has been filed in the prior Application Serial No.					
The Commissioner is requested to grant Applicant a filing date in accordance with					
Rule 1.53, and supply Applicant with a Notice of Missing Parts in due course, in					
accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.53(f).					
Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$424.00 to cover the filing fee as calculated					
below and the fee for any new claims added in the Preliminary Amendment					

# CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS CLAIMS CANCELED BELOW

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
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- 4. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status for this application.
  - (a) A small entity statement is enclosed.
- (b) A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- (c) Small entity status is no longer claimed.
- 5. If the check is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 which may be required for any reason relating to this application, or credit any overpayment to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10200687/MBW.
- 7. Address all future communications to:

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- $\boxtimes$ 8. The prior application is presently assigned to Board of Regents, The University of Texas System. Enclosed is a preliminary amendment. Any additional fees incurred by this  $\boxtimes$ 9. amendment are included in the check at No. 3 above and said fee has been calculated after calculation of claims and after amendment of claims by the preliminary amendment. Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before calculating П 10. the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained). 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/535,366 filed March 24, 2000. X 12. Enclosed are formal drawings.  $\boxtimes$ 13. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed. (a) PTO-1449.  $\boxtimes$ (b) Copies of IDS citations.  $\boxtimes$ 14. Transfer the sequence information, including the computer readable form previously
  - 14. Transfer the sequence information, including the computer readable form previously submitted in the parent application, Serial No. 09/535,366 filed March 24, 2000, for use in this application. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), Applicants state that the paper copy of the sequence listing in this application is identical to the computer readable copy in parent application Serial No. 09/535,366 filed March 24, 2000. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), Applicants also state that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing.

[X] 16. Return Receipt Postcard (should be specifically itemized).

Respectfully submitted,

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Serial No.: Unassigned

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: LINEAR AND CIRCULAR EXPRESSION

**ELEMENTS** 

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

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#### SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Commissioner:

Applicants hereby submit the formal drawings for the above-referenced application and request that these drawings be accepted for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF SEQUENCE LISTING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e)

### **BOX SEQUENCE**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

#### Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), Applicants respectfully request that the sequence information previously submitted in parent application ("parent application"), U.S. Serial No. 09/535,366 filed March 24, 2000, be transferred to and used in the above-referenced patent application ("instant application"). Only one computer readable sequence listing was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the parent application. The sequence information in the instant application is identical to the sequence information contained in the previously-filed computer readable sequence listing in the parent application. It is understood that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date of

the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. A paper copy of the sequence listing is included in the originally-filed specification of the instant application.

Applicants request the transfer of the previously-filed computer readable sequence listing from the parent application to the instant application is in lieu of filing a duplicate computer readable sequence listing.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this document; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Account No.: 50-1212/10200687.

Respectfully submitted,

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